GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF COCO CONTRACTORS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government are aware that the remuneration of COCO contractors have notbeen revised from the last three years inspite of rapid increase in All India Consumer Price Index;

(b): if so, whether these contractors are performing all the jobs which are performed by the regular dealers;

(c): if so, whether the Government has restrained the oil companies to convert such COCOcontractors into adhoc/regular dealers who are performing the job satisfactorily so that labour deployed on such COCO outlets may get the service benefits; and

(d): if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): The Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., the Bharat petroleum Corporation Ltd., the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. and the IBP Co Ltd. revised the remuneration of labour contractors of COCO retail outlets in July, 2001, September, 2000, December, 2000 and June, 2001 respectively.

(b): The labour contractor of the COCO retail outletprovides only labour assistance to the Oil Company`s officer, under whose over-all charge the COCO outlet is operated.

(c) & (d): Under the existing policy, there is no provision for the appointment of labour contractors as regular dealers. These retail outlets are operated on COCO basis only till the selection of the regular dealers through the prescribed selection procedure.